

Review A: Revising Sentence Fragments and Run-on Sentences

EXERCISE A The following paragraph is confusing because it contains some complete sentences, some sentence fragments, and some run-on sentences. Identify the fragments by underlining them once. Identify the run-ons by underlining them twice. Then, rewrite the paragraph, revising all fragments and run-ons to make them complete and correct sentences.

Example Scuba diving a popular pastime. This pastime has an interesting history, humans have
been underwater explorers for centuries. *Scuba diving is a popular pastime that has an*
interesting history. Humans have been underwater explorers for centuries.

Scuba is an acronym. The acronym stands for “self-contained underwater breathing apparatus.” In the fifteenth century, Leonardo da Vinci designed an underwater diving suit. Functional equipment not developed until much later. Inventors in the eighteenth century designed practical devices for breathing underwater. Such as diving suits and diving bells. Wearing these suits, divers could breathe underwater, their mobility was limited. The twentieth century had Jacques Cousteau and Émile Gagnan to solve the problem. Perfected the aqualung. The aqualung is a cylinder of compressed air, the cylinder is worn on the diver’s back and is connected to a mouth-piece. With an aqualung, divers have both air and mobility. Since 71 percent of the earth’s surface is covered by oceans. Scuba diving opened up a whole new world.

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